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**Regarding Payment of Fee**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, District of Columbia 20231  
Attention: Vikki Short  
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Subject: Informality regarding the payment of fee in connection with Amendment A filed 3/16/01.

Madam:

In response to the office Letter mailed 03/27/01, the applicants would like to explain why no additional fee is in order.

The applicants wish to cancel the original 20 claims and substitute new claims 21-34. In summary, we are only submitting a total of 14 claims.

Unfortunately the applicants did not make this clear in Amendment A and apologize for that error and the resulting confusion.

For the convenience of the Examiner, we are providing below a table that shows how the new claims 21-34 are related to the original claims (now canceled). In the Office Action, the Examiner frequently referred to the original claim numbers and will undoubtedly find a table relating new-to-old claims very useful.

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The following table shows how the old claims map into the new claims:

Original claims (now canceled) have been modified to become =>	new claims
1	21
2	22
3	23
4	cancelled
5	cancelled
6	24
7	25
8	26
9	27
10	28
11	cancelled
12	cancelled
13	
14	30
15	31
16	32
17	cancelled
18	cancelled
19	33
20	34

Old claim 13 does not map into new claim 29. Other than that exception, the new claims are close to the original claims, as shown in the above table. The difference is that informalities and unsupported references have been eliminated.

In summary, the applicants are replacing the original 21 claims with 14 new ones.

Respectfully yours,

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Date